



Soil and Water Conservation


Grant Writing Tips and Tricks

Agenda


- Division Policy
 - Match
 - CS2 Administration
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- Different Funding Sources
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Division Policy

- Procedure for Districts to Request Division Involvement in Grant Projects
 - Must be requested in writing 30 days in advance of application deadline
 - Request must specify DSWC involvement, including match and engineering assistance
 - Division Director will respond in writing to confirm, decline, or suggest an alternative
 - Confirmation can serve as a formal letter of support
- Match (Commission Policy) 
 - Each district can commit up to 50% of FA and TA funds according to board discretion
 - Notify DSWC within 10 working days of award
 - DSWC can commit up to 50% of FA and TA funds as match
 - Negotiation required if request exceeds 50%
- CS2 Administration
 - In general, requires collaboration of 2 or more districts
 - All requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
 - DSWC reserves right to recover administrative costs
- Application guidance and assistance always available as time permits

Grant Writing Tips

- Budgeting
 - Double-check match percentage
 - Match + Funding Request = Total Project Cost
- Deliverables 
 - Ensure outcomes are explicit
- Partners
 - Clearly outline roles
 - Letters of support
- Landowners
 - Letters of support/intent

Request: \$100,000
 Match: \$40,000
 Match Percentage?

$40,000 / 100,000 = 40\%$
 $40,000 / 140,000 = 28.6\%$

Different Funding Sources

- [EPA Section 319](#)
 - provide funding for efforts to reduce nonpoint source (NPS) pollution in DWR approved watersheds
- [Clean Water Management Trust Fund](#)
 - Restore degraded waters, protect unpolluted waters, contribute toward riparian restoration
- [Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program](#)
 - Grants and assistance for coastal habitat
- [Duke Energy Water Resources Fund](#)
 - protecting, improving and restoring waterways in the Carolinas and promoting environmental education and conservation
- [EPA 5-Star Wetland and Urban Waters](#)
 - provide environmental education and training through projects that restore wetlands and streams
- [NC DOJ Environmental Enhancement Grants](#)
 - funds projects to restore and protect impaired, degraded or endangered surface waters, groundwater and other natural resources
- [Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program](#)
 - enable the full spectrum of farmers and ranchers to move profitably toward production systems compatible with the concept of sustainable agriculture
- [Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation](#)
 - prevent practices that damage air quality and water quality and supports efforts to improve and/or restore the air we breathe as well as our rivers, wetlands, lakes and coastal waters

Browsing grant resources

- [Community Resource Information System](#)
 - NC OSMB website that helps local communities obtain information about state government financial assistance programs and other services
- [NC OpenBook](#)
 - a single, searchable website on state spending for grants and contracts
- [NC Office of Environmental Education and Public Affairs](#)
- [NC Grant Watch](#)
 - Search hundreds of environmental grants to promote environmentally sustainable workplaces, neighborhoods and schools
- [NCCES Community Gardens Funding](#)

Questions?

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